

Mad scientist mixes fun, education

By Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer
314th Press Camp Headquarters

“Are you ready? I’m not convinced you’re ready,” shouts Sgt. 1st Class Tony A. Dawson. A chorus of “yeahs!” come pouring out the mouths of the Scouts seated eagerly around him. “Okay, I think you’re finally ready. I’d like to invite you to the Mobile Discovery Science Van,” continues Dawson, a recruiter from Fort Knox, Ky. “Sometimes I might get a bit crazy,” he warns, “but don’t worry. That is just in my nature.”

That “craziness” is what’s needed for the job some people would call a “mad scientist’s” occupation. Dawson has been a recruiter for almost three years, but he is not a typical one by any stretch of the imagination. “We don’t promote recruiting. We promote education,” said Dawson. “If a kid is

encouraged to join the Army because they see soldiers doing something, it’s a good thing. But we don’t try to recruit anybody like that. It’s not that kind of a job.”

“That kind of a job” is making science fun for junior high kids. “We try to get kids involved while they are still in middle school because they are more motivated to learn at that age,” said Dawson. “We try to build up something they will bring with them to high school.”



Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer

Sgt. 1st Class Tony A. Dawson, a recruiter with the Mobile Discovery Science Van, explains to his class that electricity can travel through people and light lightbulbs. Aaron Robertson, a Scout from Troop 1313, Groveport, Ohio, stares at the light in wonderment.

out of the year on the road encouraging young minds to get more involved with math and science,” said Dawson.

The remainder of the year is spent training at Fort Knox. Dawson said the group also gets a break for Christmas and New Years, and then the tour starts over again.

“The National Scout Jamboree is a special event to support,” said Dawson. “The actual annual touring starts in

September. We will go to Augusta, Ga., Aiken, S.C., Connecticut, and elsewhere.”

Patience is a virtue in this line of work, said Dawson. “I like to think I’ve gotten more patient as I’ve gotten older. I try to make science fun and exciting at the same time to make sure the kids are learning. My motto is ‘Make learning fun and have fun while you’re learning.’”

Tooting his own horn



Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer

Staff Sgt. Kenneth J. Barnes of the 319th Army Band, Fort Totten, New York, plays his trumpet as fellow New Yorker, Scout Andrew Hunt, Troop 535, looks on.

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Jamboree ends with a bang



Photo by Sgt. Samuel McLarty

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The 2001 National Scout Jamboree came to a spectacular conclusion at the Arena Show here Monday night. Thousands of Scouts filled the parade ground near the stage anticipating the evening’s entertainment. They were not disappointed as the audience of Scouts, military personnel and volunteers were treated to spirited performances by the Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the Army Old Guard Continental Chorus, the Navy Atlantic Fleet Electric Band, and the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

The show ended with the singing of “I’m Proud to be an American” and a dazzling fireworks display commemorating the end of the jamboree and the value and proud heritage of Scouting in America.



Photo by Sgt. Samuel McLarty

Above left: The Army balloon floats above the crowd at Monday’s Arena Show. Above: Fireworks light up the sky at the conclusion of the show.

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Correction

The July 28 edition of Trooper Hill incorrectly stated that Chrysler loaned the Marine Corps two vehicles for the auto mechanics badge station. The vehicles were actually on loan from General Motors.

Coast Guard helps Scouts earn badges, advance at jamboree

By **Cpl. Holly M. Arnold**
314th Press Camp Headquarters

All aboard! Coastguardsmen come aboard the USS A.P. Hill to train Scouts at the Merit Badge Midway in support of the National Scout Jamboree.

The Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary help Scouts meet the requirements for merit badges. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian organization that performs the same duties as the Coast Guard without the power of law enforcement.

“They have to learn a lot to earn their badges. They won’t be able to finish most of them here. We teach small boating classes, rowing, and lifesaving,” said Auxiliary Coast Guardsman Capt. Ben R. Chappell, who teaches lifesaving, from Flotilla 3-5 in Richmond, Va. “They need water 10 feet deep to learn rescue techniques such as preventing someone from pulling the lifesaver down with them.”

The weather is hot and the requirements are tough, but Scouts are eager to sign up for classes.

“Without the training they receive here, it would take the Scouts a year back home to get 10 merit badges, whereas it takes about nine days here. Sometimes they don’t have the resources. Learning oceanography in Utah or learning wilderness survival in a major city is hard,” said retired Army Reserve Col. Lloyd J. Steele troop leader for 922 from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Counselors who are knowledgeable enough to teach the classes are

Ben R. Chappell
Auxiliary Coast Guard Captain
Flotilla 3-5, Richmond, Va.

hard to find, explained Steele.

The service members here have more than enough skills and experience to give Scouts the training they need.

Among the coast guardsmen and auxiliary coast guardsmen, the experience is unparalleled. Chappell served in the Marine Corps and has been Scouting since 1944. He was also awarded a Silver Beaver, which is presented for distinguished service in a local counsel.



Photo by Spc. Briana G. Wright

Petty Officer 3rd class Eric D. Mohr, lifesaving instructor from Group Woods Hole, Cape Cod, Mass., coaches 14-year-old Dion D. Jones, Star Scout from troop 436, through the basic lifesaving techniques.

Capt. John E. Lloyd, a Coast Guard Auxiliary division commander, who teaches the small boating class, also has experience to spare. He has been Scouting over 30 years.

“It’s cool to get professional from people who do it the most,” said Peter Devine, Troop 741, in San Diego, Calif.

Old Guard Standing Ready



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

Members of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from the Military District of Washington stand at attention during Monday night’s Arena Show.

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to implement their plans for the 2007 World Jamboree in Gilwell Park, England, according to Kuhn. “It has a direct impact on the registration fee for the participants because of course, if you have 1,644 military personnel here serving plus however many serving in your district, this is a lot of money and labor; assistance would mean less money spent by the scouting association,” said, Kuhn.

“In general, there is no presence of military in any scouting at all in Germany,” said Kuhn. The reasons for this according to Kuhn and Cassaigneau are lack of money and time. “So it’s difficult for them

to give more support even if the Scout Association is well respected in the country,” said Cassaigneau. “Also because they do not see the Scout movement particularly in Europe as a source of recruitment, which is not the case in the United States.

Cassaigneau pointed out though that since France has gone to a professional, noncompulsory army, the French army in the coming years will be very active in marketing, which was not the case in the past when it (government service) was compulsory. “Maybe this phenomenon will develop in Europe because the armies are becoming more professional and they will have to recruit,” said Cassaigneau.

“I knew about the support of the Army, of the infrastructure in particular. So I realize the importance of the (Army) support,” said Cassaigneau.

The support that the Thai Scouting Organization is getting from their military in preparation for the 2002 World Jamboree is impressive. “The Royal Navy gave us the land to prepare for the world jamboree. The location is very nice along the sea and mountains,” said Sutthi Polsaward, director general of department of physical education, Thailand Ministry of Education and Executive Director of the 20th World Scout Jamboree. “They are helping also with the infrastructure with the big bulldozers to prepare the ground and during the event itself they will also support, particularly for the lifeguarding on the beach and for other services,” said Cassaigneau.

“But we made an agreement with them because it’s a world event and we have to be careful about different feelings of those working on site during the event will not wear the military uniform,” said Cassaigneau. “They will have a t-shirt or the scarf of the jamboree and they will be integrated in the system, although there will be an officer representing the Navy with in the headquarters on site obviously,” explained Cassaigneau.

In Thailand, where scouting is linked very closely with their Department of Education, there is probably a greater percentage of Scout-age kids in Thailand are scouts than in any other country in the world according to Rick Cronk, jamboree chairman of the operations group (Boy Scouts of America).

Safety Thoughts

- Safety today- tomorrow may be to late.
- No fooling- horseplay is dangerous.
- Be careful- the life you save may be your own.
- Accidents happen when least expected.
- Drinking dulls your thinking.
- Be safe and secure.

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The Information Board

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214th Ground Forces Band, 9 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to Noon Army Adventure Area

82nd Airborne Freefall Team, 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. Stage Show

319th Army Band, 11 a.m. to Noon Stage Show and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. International Stage

85th Division Band, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Heth Dining Hall and 3 to 4 p.m. Army Adventure Area

Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Army Adventure Area and 3 to 3:30 p.m. Stage Show

Important Times

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Breakfast ... 5:30 to 8 a.m.

Lunch ... Box lunch picked up at breakfast

Dinner ... 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Swing Shift ... 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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Scouts travel across the world for jamboree

By Staff Sgt. Pat Johnston

319th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Scouting organizations from 24 countries, other than the United States, are attending the 2001 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill this week. Two-hundred-sixty-eight foreign Scouts, accompanied by 46 adults, have traveled a long way to take part in jamboree activities along with over 34,000 American Scouts.

The U. S. military is also helping Scout-ing worldwide by assisting the international representatives here at the jamboree.

Lutz Kuhnen, assistant director of world events, Geneva, comments that the logistics, knowledge and material support, supplied by the U. S. Army for the jamboree is very helpful for his needs. As the person in charge of risk management for the World Scout Bureau, he appreciates getting good information from the Army Risk Management headquarters set up at the jamboree.

Future hosts of the world jamborees for Thailand and Great Britain are visiting Fort A. P. Hill to learn everything they can to organize their events.

"The reason that the Thais are here is because the weather in Thailand in December/January is exactly the same as the weather in Southern Virginia at this time of the year. So they're here to see how we deal with the heat,



Photo by Sgt. Samuel McLarty

Mohd. Amina. Karim, Scout, Mehmoohd Mohd. Ali, Assistant Scout Leader, Faisal Farhad, Scout Leader and Contingent Leader Nizar Ali J. Basaria, Pakistan, attend the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

how we distribute water," said Scott Teare international director for the Boy Scouts of America. Bill Cockcroft, non-executive director, 21st World Scout Jamboree, Great Britain, Kuhnen and other Scouting officials

toured the medical tents staffed by soldiers of the 261st Area Support Medical Battalion to check on heat casualties and other medical cases.

From medical support to infrastructure, construction to teaching merit badge skills to safety to communication to entertainment and myriad other jobs, the U. S. military has given support to the Boy Scouts of America. The military also helps international Scouting representatives to improve their Scouting events.

The military presence is not so obvious in other countries according to Cassaigneau. "But what is accepted all over the world is the support and the collaboration with the Army, particularly for infrastructure, communication and transportation, said Jean Cassaigneau, director of world events in the Scout

Bureau, Geneva.

This is the director's first visit to the BSA Jamboree. "I knew about the support from the Army, but here I saw it in practice, so I realize again the importance of this support," said Cassaigneau. "What of course struck me, although I'm not sure that this would be applicable to other jamborees in other countries or at world level, is the size of the site," said Cassaigneau.

"What I like about the military support here is that everybody has a smile on his or her face no matter who. Even when we come in pouring rain they were standing in the middle of no-where signing the cars in and they were smiling," said Kuhnen.

"The military support here is just unbelievable," said Teare.

The only comparable Scouting event in number of participants is the upcoming World Scouting Jamboree in Thailand December 28, 2002 through January 7, 2003. Over 30,000 Scouts are expected to attend the 20th World Scout Jamboree.

Scouting jamborees the size of the U. S. National and the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand involve the wholehearted support of the country's military.

The involvement of the military in Scouting varies from country to country, however.

In Great Britain where Scouting began in 1907, the British Scouting organization doesn't expect any support from their military

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Cookies keep campers coming back

By Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir

210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The Army has set up some very impressive tactical equipment exhibits throughout the Army Adventure Area here. Exhibits include a 28-foot climbing wall.

But to almost 80,000 of the visitors including Scouts, volunteers and soldiers here, it's the cookies that keep them coming back.

It's hard not to notice the two huge mobile kitchen trailers, as you stroll throughout the Army Adventure Area. It's even harder to avoid the smell of freshly baked chocolate chip and sugar cookies that fill the air.

Last November, Chief Warrant Officer Tommy G. Shoemaker, state food advisor for the Virginia Army National Guard, accepted the one of a kind mission to provide cookies to the thousands of Scouts and visitors here.

"This is a unique mission. It's for the good of both the Scouts and the National Guard. I took this



Photo by Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir

Thirteen year old Bob McClella, Troop 930, from Salt Lake City, Utah, seems pleased with the 'military-issued' sugar cookie as he exits the 'Cookie Tent'.



Photo by Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir

Sgt. Marshall L. Wolfe, 224th Aviation Virginia Army National Guard, passes out a sugar cookie to Geoff Clifford, Troop 736, Orange County, Calif.

mission as a show and tell," said Shoemaker. Baking cookies is a subtle yet effective way of getting people thinking and talking about the Guard and its opportunities.

"We're here to satisfy their sweet tooth," said Shoemaker.

That tooth can be either the desire for a sweet treat or the need for information, which they also provide.

Shoemaker, along with his staff of nine food service specialists came prepared to provide the Scouts with the sweet treats.

"Once I

received the mission I ordered the mixture to fix a total of 80,000 cookies for the duration of the jamboree," said Shoemaker.

The staff of ten works hard to both bake and pass out anywhere between 10,000 to 15,000 cookies a day.

"With the two mobile kitchen trailers here I can probably produce 12,000 cookies a day," said Sgt. 1st Class Davis C. Raska, food service specialist, Virginia Army National Guard.

"I'm also utilizing one of the facilities at Wilcox dining facility. I've got a crew there baking in about six conventional ovens and pulling out 36 pans at a time," she said.

The size of the 'cookie' crowds gathered around the tent was not at all affected by the poor weather.

Rain or shine, the Scouts and servicemembers "know a good thing when they see it, smell it, and eat it," said Raska.

Chocolate chip and sugar cookies are passed out two at a time to the 'cookie tent's' regular customers and new visitors.

"This is a big task, but it's a good thing. Everybody is very happy," said Raska. "The cookies help in keeping everyone motivated."

"It's my first mission working with Scouts and I love it," said Sgt. Ana M. Medina, food service specialist, Virginia Army National Guard.

"It's a lot of fun, and a pleasure serving them and seeing a big smile on everyone's face," she added.

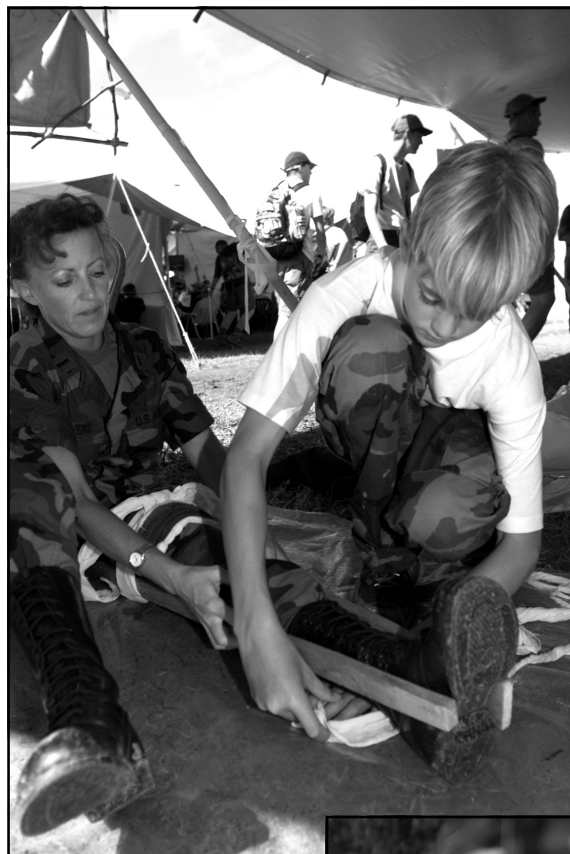
"The cookies are delicious, actually scrumptilicious" said Dianne L. Dubshinski, a parent and volunteer with Troop 239. "I'm very impressed with the location and their set-up."

The Guard unit's tent sits in the middle of the Army Adventure Area's displays and exhibits.

There they have had no problem satisfying their 'regulars' and creating new ones.

"The Virginia National Guard cookies were very, very good," said Scout Pete Cartel, Troop 239. "I've only been once, but I am coming back for more."

SOLDIERS MEET SCOUTS MIDWAY



Left: 1st Lt. Kathryn A. Travers, registered nurse with the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Fort Detrick, Md., helps 13-year-old Kyle A. Rixey, 1st Class Scout from Richmond, Va., apply a splint at the first-aid merit badge station.

Right: A soldier takes a hands-on approach to helping a Scout tie a knot at the pioneering station on Merit Badge Midway.



Top: Scouts take time out to enjoy lunch at the entrance of Merit Badge Midway. Bottom left: Sgt. Nathan R. Haynes, fitness instructor with Bravo Company 1st Battalion 29th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., times 16-year-old Kevin L. Rackham of troop 724 Moses Lake, Wash., as he does sit-ups at the personal fitness station on Merit Badge Midway.



Above: Spc. Adam S. Kessler and Pfc. Adam D. Henderson, pioneering instructors with the 577th Engineer Battalion 1st Engineer Brigade, assist Scouts with building a rope bridge at the pioneering station on Merit Badge Midway.



Above: Pfc. Adam D. Henderson, engineer with Charlie 557th Engineer Battalion, shows a Scout the proper way to start a rope bridge at the pioneering station on Merit Badge Midway.



Left: Spc. Racquel A. Sampson, veterinary technician with the Mid-Atlantic District Veterinary Command, Norfolk Branch Veterinary Clinic, instructs 15-year-old Life Scout, Rob E. Skula from Farhills, N.J. on how to study lab results at the veterinary station on Merit Badge Midway.

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